

**CONTINUING
(1.53(b)) UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for continuing applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
1539.1004RECFirst Named Inventor:
Tomowaki TakahashiTitle: CATADIOPTRIC REDUCTION PROJECTION OPTICAL
SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING THE
SAME

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**APPLICATION
ELEMENTS**See MPEP chapter 600
concerning utility
patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract..... [Total Pages: 13]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)..... [Total Sheets: 13] [FIGS. 1 - 15, 16A, 16B, and 16C- 28]
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 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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7. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
8. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application (identified in Item 21), from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
9. ☒ Applicant claims foreign priority benefit to: Japanese Application 06-198350 filed August 23, 1994
10. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. 1.76
11. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
12. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

14. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
15. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
16. ☒ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
 - a. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) filed in prior application No. 08/515,631.
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) to follow.
17. ☒ Original Patent Surrendered In parent application
18. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
19. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 - a. ☒ enclosed herewith.
 - b. ☐ incorporated herein (see Box 21).
20. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

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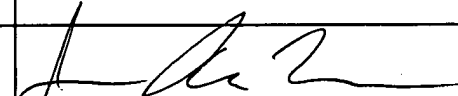
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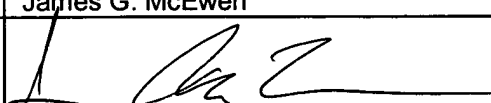
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